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For: A Halogen-Containing Polymer Composition Stabilized by a  
Latent Mercaptan and a Mixture of a Zinc Carboxylate and  
Zinc Chloride

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Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY REQUEST**

This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a non-provisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application serial number 60/242,371, filed on October 24, 2001 under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4).

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**--Cross Reference To Related Patent Applications**

This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisional application serial number 60/242,371, filed October 24, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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